

TOPIC: RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF ADMISSION INDEX SCORE FOR COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY GLOBAL CAMPUS

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I. SUMMARY

This item recommends approval of a freshman admissions index for Colorado State University Global Campus under the current admissions policy (I-F, 5.03.01).

II. BACKGROUND

CSU-Global Campus was created in 2009 by statute to provide upper division baccalaureate degree completion programs for nontraditional students. This statute has thus far prevented CSU Global Campus from accepting first-time freshmen.

In May 2014, the passage of the Senate Bill 14-114 authorized CSU Global Campus to enroll bachelor's degree seeking students regardless of the number of credits they have previously earned. Within this statute, CSU Global Campus was identified as a *moderately selective* institution for students residing in Colorado who are 23 years of age or older.

Although the admissions index will no longer be used under the new admissions policy, CSU Global Campus needs to operate under the current admissions policy until the new policy takes effect (as early as fall 2016). Therefore, a Freshman Admission Index is proposed under the current admission policy (I-F, 5.03.01).

III. STAFF ANALYSIS

As CSU Global Campus is currently a transfer institution, data to develop an analysis of the high school GPA or assessment of college readiness of current students and their success at CSU Global Campus is limited. Therefore, DHE staff, in consultation with CSU Global Campus, has identified a freshman admissions index score that is in line with other Colorado institutions that are identified as moderately selective:

Institution	Freshman Admission Index
Adams State University	80
Colorado State University – Pueblo	86
Western State Colorado University	80

An index score of 86 was requested by CSU Global Campus to align their admissions index with Colorado State University Pueblo.

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission approve an admissions index score of 86 for Colorado State University Global Campus.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

C.R.S. § 23-31.3-101. University established - role and mission

(1) (a) There is hereby established an on-line university to be known as Colorado state university - global campus, referred to in this article as "CSU global campus". CSU global campus is a baccalaureate and graduate on-line university with the mission in Colorado of offering baccalaureate degree programs for nontraditional students in partnership with the Colorado community college system and selected master-level graduate programs. For baccalaureate degree students residing in Colorado, CSU global campus shall have moderately selective admission standards. CSU global campus shall not admit first-time freshman baccalaureate students who reside in Colorado and who are under twenty-three years of age. CSU global campus shall comply with all applicable statutes and rules.

(b) CSU global campus shall not offer associate of arts, associate of science, or associate of applied science degrees, bachelor of applied science degrees, or career and technical certificate programs. Additionally, CSU-global campus will not offer concurrent enrollment programs, state-funded supplemental academic instruction, or state-funded basic skills courses.

(2) (a) On-line baccalaureate degree programs that will be offered to students residing in Colorado and that did not exist prior to August 6, 2014, are subject to review and approval by the Colorado commission on higher education. In determining whether to approve an on-line baccalaureate degree program, the Colorado commission on higher education shall consider:

(I) Whether the program is in the best interests of the state of Colorado;

(II) Whether the program is cost-effective for Colorado students; and

(III) Whether the program is sufficiently distinguishable from an existing on-line baccalaureate degree program being delivered by a state four-year institution of higher education, a state two-year institution of higher education, or jointly by a state two-year and state four-year institution of higher education.

(b) In determining whether to approve an on-line baccalaureate degree program pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection (2), the Colorado commission on higher education may consult with other state institutions of higher education.

HISTORY: Source: L. 2012: Entire article added, (HB 12-1220), ch. 100, p. 332, § 1, effective August 8.L. 2014: Entire section amended, (SB 14-114), ch. 144, p. 491, § 1, effective August 6.